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1. It seems likely that the Soviets are preparing to control Dairen and Port Arthur permanently. The following points indicate this:

- The Soviets have long wanted a non-freezing port.
- Dairen is the only Manchurian port suitable for foreign commerce. The nation controlling this port will therefore control the commerce of Manchuria.
- The area is strategically valuable for either military or propaganda attacks on Korea and China.
- The Soviets have strengthened the defenses on the peninsula, particularly along their northern boundary line, which stretches from Shihho (121-52, 39-20) to Chingshuiho (122-15, 39-23). They are constructing new airfields, and the patrols along the coast lines have been strengthened.
- The families of Soviet military personnel are already arriving in Dairen.

2. Soviet future plans are as follows:

- They will, in the event that attacking forces move southward from Manchuria, withdraw to the Shihho-Chingshuiho line. Field barricades have already been erected there. The whole area is restricted, and is patrolled by the secret police.
- As the second line of defense, the Soviets have strengthened Japanese fortifications in the hills north of Chinchou (121-42, 39-06). A fortified line has been completed along the western coastline between Shihho and Sanshihliipao (121-48, 39-16) as well as in the Yingchengtzu (121-24, 38-59) area. Fortifications have also been completed south of the Shihho-Chingshuiho line.
- The Soviets rely on their air power rather than naval strength to repel an attack by sea.

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3. The weaknesses in the Soviet position are as follows:

- a. The area occupied by the Soviets on the peninsula is isolated and without an adequate supply line.
- b. The smallness of the area makes most of the territory vulnerable to gunfire from the sea.
- c. It is not possible to grow enough food in the area to feed all the people without a supplementary source of supply.
- d. War materials cannot be manufactured within the area because the Soviets shipped all the factory machinery to Siberia.
- e. The Soviets have not won the confidence of the local people.
- f. Since the Soviets removed the machinery from the Thermal Electric Power Plant in the Kanchingtzu section of Dairen, no electric power will be available if the current from the Suiho Dam plant (124-58, 40-23) is cut off.

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